

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion, which adopted the committee amendments, shall be reconsidered. We have before us the committee amendments for adoption. Senator Labedz, would you like to proceed with your motion now?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think Senator Barnett suggested that we form a committee. I would be more than happy to do that. I have received quite a few letters and calls. I worked for the Department of Revenue for seven years. While I was there I know the problems that we had in the present bingo law. I'm not saying that the committee amendments are all wrong, but I would like to wait until February 13th, until we can talk to some of the organizations, some of the churches and schools that have been forcefully closed in Omaha because of the great competition. Any senators that feel like they want to serve and give some input as to what is happening in their district, we'll be more than happy to take that. I'm sure that we can get five or six senators to give some input on the bingo law. I will be talking to Mr. Peters. We will see if we can't straighten out some of the complications and problems that they have had. I know they've had them in Lincoln also. We'd certainly appreciate if Senator Barnett would give us some input on what the problems are here in Lincoln. Thank you. I move for the motion to bracket until February 13th.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, just so you know what my good friend Senator Duis has done to this bill, I will tell you now. We had gotten the thing into pretty good shape so that the people of this state, who were interested in bingo, could understand what is going on. Now he has put back, and about the only thing that he has put back is this right here. "The licensee shall maintain a record of the receipts from bingo which shall include the number of cards sold", you've got 300 people out there you're going to get the number of cards sold, "the number of players participating, the number of games played for each daily session of bingo, a list containing the names of each winner of each game and the amount won by each", and that includes love thy neighbor, two down the line on each side, or the woman across, or the man across the room from you, "a list of all payments made in connection with the operation of bingo, including salaries and rental charges. Such records shall be available for inspection and audit by the Tax Commissioner or his authorized representative at any time during ordinary business hours". I really don't know what business hours are, but I would presume they are from about 7 o'clock at night until midnight while the bingo games are being conducted. "Any person who fails to maintain, or who falsifies such records shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section...", and we kept those in. So what you have done is really complicate the thing for the people. They're going to look at this bingo bill and try to correct it. I'm very proud of what Senator Duis has done. He has done nothing but complicate the things that we took out of it that should never have been in to start with.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.